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Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Aaron Allen, 40, of Hayward, Wisconsin, was sentenced yesterday by U.S. District Judge John C. Shabaz to 105 months in federal prison for possessing equipment and chemicals with the intent to manufacture methamphetamine. Allen pleaded guilty to the charge on July 12, 2007.

Law enforcement agents executed a search warrant at Allen's residence on January 27, 2007, and found an active methamphetamine laboratory. Allen has a prior felony conviction for manufacturing methamphetamine in the state of Missouri, and was off parole just a few months when he began manufacturing methamphetamine in Wisconsin.

The charges against Allen were the result of an investigation conducted by the Sawyer County Sheriff's Department and the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Division of Criminal Investigation-Narcotics Bureau. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Meredith P. Duchemin.

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